

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

When one compares the composite ratios between the invention claimed in amended claim 1 to the CoCrPt alloy disclosed by Okamoto et al., it is clear that the composite ratio of the Co to Cr in the $(\text{Co}_{82}\text{Cr}_{18})_{100x}\text{Pt}_x$ alloy of the present invention is fixed to 82:18, which is distinguished from the CoCrPt alloy of Okamoto et al. The CoCrPt alloy in accordance with the present invention is made by using the $(\text{Co}_{82}\text{Cr}_{18})$ alloy target. Claim 1 has been amended to emphasize this distinction. Claim 3 has been amended in similar fashion to distinguish from Okamoto.

In light of the foregoing amendments made to independent claims 1 and 3 it is submitted that independent claims 1 and 3 and dependent claims 2 and 4 which depend therefrom are all in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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